

CONTEXT CLUES

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

When I meet a word I do not know, I look at the words around it.

The sentence and the sentences nearby can hold clues about what the word means.

When I find a meaning, I name the clue that helped me, so I can prove my answer.

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Context Clues

from “A Voice in the Community”

This week we practice context clues with words from "A Voice in the Community." We notice definitions, choose with contrast, show with examples, own with inference, and defend multiple meanings.

This deck teaches **context clues** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice a definition or restatement clue."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

"use context within and beyond a sentence to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and multiple-meaning words"

Notice the context clue.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the words that tell what the bold word means.

"Civic life includes voting, attending meetings, and volunteering, activities that relate to being a citizen."

I CAN | I can notice a definition or restatement clue that tells me what a word means.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

CHOOSE

"I can choose a word's meaning from a contrast clue."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Choose the meaning.

Read the sentences. What does **necessary** mean? Use the contrast clue to decide.

"Others feel that taking part is not always **necessary, not required or essential."**

A optional or extra • **B** expensive or costly • **C** needed or required

I CAN | I can choose a word's meaning when a contrast clue shows the opposite.



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SHOW

"I can show how examples help me know what a word means."

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Show what the clue does.

Read both sentences. What do the examples show that **opinions** means?

"People share their **opinions** about rules and laws."

"Each person has a different point of view."

I CAN | I can explain what examples show about a word's meaning.



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OWN

"I can use sentences around a word to figure out its meaning."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Own it. Use the sentences around the word.

What does **volunteering** mean? How do you know? Read both sentences.

"People take part by voting, attending meetings, and **volunteering**."
"They give their time freely to help their community."

I CAN | I can use sentences beyond the word's sentence to figure out its meaning.



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TODAY'S THINKING JOB

DEFEND

"I can defend the meaning of a multiple-meaning word."

EXACT TEKS WORDING

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Defend the meaning.

The word **vote** has more than one meaning. Explain what vote means in each sentence and how you know.

"By **voting** or speaking up, people can have a say."

I CAN

I can use the sentence to prove which meaning of a multiple-meaning word fits.



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Find a context clue on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one word you do not know. Copy the sentence, name the clue type, and write the meaning.

Go back to the reading.
Find one word you do not know.
Copy the exact sentence. Then name the clue type
and write what the word means.

I CAN | I can find a word I do not know and use a context clue to figure out its meaning.



CONTEXT CLUES

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE civic. relating to citizens and their duties. The words near civic restate its meaning.

CHOOSE C. needed or required. The contrast clue shows necessary means needed or required.

SHOW opinions. personal beliefs or views. The examples in the sentence show what opinions means.

OWN volunteering. offering to help without being paid. The sentences around the word help figure out the meaning.

DEFEND In the first sentence, vote means to make a formal choice. In the second sentence, vote means a choice in an election. The words around each sentence prove which meaning fits.

YOUR TURN Student selects a word, copies the sentence, names the clue type, and writes the meaning.



CONTEXT CLUES

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

“Civic life includes voting, attending meetings, and volunteering, activities that relate to being a citizen.”

What does the word *civic* mean?

- A** relating to entertainment or fun
- B** relating to citizens and their duties
- C** relating to the military or armed forces
- D** relating to schools and education



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The answer is B.

A relating to entertainment or fun

Civic relates to citizens and their duties, not entertainment.

relating to citizens and their duties Correct.

B The passage says Civic life includes voting, attending meetings, and volunteer... so civic means relating to citizens and their duties.

C relating to the military or armed forces

Civic is about community participation, not military service.

D relating to schools and education

Civic is broader than education. It covers voting, volunteering, and community life.

